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NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

NORWAY'S PREPARATIONS.

OUTLOOK NOW HOPEFUL.

STOCKHOLM, September 18. Travellers report that last week Norway was energetically preparing for war by constructing temporary fortifications on the frontier, cutting down trees and barricading the roads. Nearly all the troops in the central and frontier districts seemed to be mobilised. (Reuter)

CHRISTIANIA, September 18. Relief is felt here at the peaceful outlook, but hope is expressed that peace has not been too dearly bought. (Reuter)

RUSSIAN ADMINISTRATION.

COUNCIL TO BE FORMED.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 18. The Tsar has ordered the Commission that is arranging the meeting of the National Assembly to examine a project for the formation of a Council of Ministers under the Premier, who, with the Minister of War, Marine and Foreign Affairs will have the sole right of reporting to the Emperor. (Reuter)

ST. PETERSBURG, September 18. The Tsar has ordered the formation of a Council of Ministers who will deal with all administrative measures. (Havas)

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

GERMANY PROCRASTINATES.

PARIS, September 18. The delay in the Franco-German negotiations on the subject of Morocco has evoked a strong protest, complaining of the German procrastination, from the "Temps." (Reuter)

JENA, September 18. M. Babel, inaugurating the Socialistic Congress, condemned the provocative policy of Germany concerning Morocco. (Havas)

BOSPHORUS BEING FORTIFIED.

RUSSIA DISPLEASED.

LONDON, September 18. Fortifications are being rapidly constructed on the Bosphorus as a result of the scare occasioned at Constantinople by the Potemkin's mutiny. These fortifications are causing great displeasure in Russia, and it is understood that a protest has already been made. (Reuter)

THE CALABRIAN CATASTROPHE.

RELIEF MEASURES.

CATANZARO, September 18. The erection of huts, and other measures for the relief of the sufferers are proceeding actively. The difficulties are enormous owing to the great distances in a hilly country, and the death of workmen. (Reuter)

ACCIDENT INSURANCE CONGRESS.

VIENNA, September 18.

The international congress of insurance against accidents has been opened. M. Millierand is assisting. (Havas)

THE TSAR'S CRUISE.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 18. The Tsarita and children accompanied the Tsar on his yacht. The cruise was purely for pleasure. (Reuter)

M. WITTE IN FRANCE.

CHERBOURG, September 18.

M. Witte has disembarked and left for Paris. (Havas)

DEATH OF AN M.P.

LONDON, September 18.

Sir Robert Gunter, M.P., is dead. (Reuter)

Sir Robert Gunter, of Wetherby Lodge, Yorkshire, was born in London on November 2, 1831, and was educated at Rugby. At the age of twenty he joined the 4th Dragoon Guards and served with that regiment through the Crimean War (medal and clasps and Turkish medal), and later joined the Yorkshire Hussars. He married Jane Marguerite, daughter of Thomas Benyon of Gladhow Hall, Yorkshire. He was raised to the baronetcy in 1901. Sir Robert Gunter was well-known and greatly respected in Yorkshire, and was for many years Conservative member of Parliament for the Barketon Ash Division. He took a great interest in the welfare of the Wetherby district, where he was chairman of the Petty Sessions, District Council, and Board of Guardians, occupying the latter position since 1872. He was also a keen agriculturalist, and was known all over the world as the breeder of the Wetherby shorthorn herd and the Wetherby Duchess cattle.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SAN STEFANO CASINO.—A grand ball, for subscribers only, has been arranged for Saturday next at the San Stefano Casino.

THE EGYPTIAN DIRECTORY, administrative and commercial, for the year 1906 will appear in November. The price of the volume will be P.T. 50.

STRAY AND OWNERLESS DOGS found in the Ghezireh district of Cairo during to-morrow night and at dawn of the 21st inst will be poisoned by the police.

ASILE RUDOLPH.—Dr. W. Birbari and M. Alexandra Birbari have each contributed P.T. 100 to the funds of the Asile Rudolph in memory of the late Signor Salvatore Felice.

SUEZ CANAL.—5 vessels passed through the Canal on the 16th inst, 3 of which were British and 2 German. The receipts for the day were frs. 194,443.22, making the total from the 1st inst. frs 4,191,495.40.

RUMOURD COTTON PRESS STRIKE.—Rumours are afloat as to the outbreak of a strike among the workmen employed in the cotton pressing factories. Up to the moment of going to press we have received no information on the subject that goes beyond hearsay.

THE ITALIAN FETE.—To-morrow being the occasion of the Italian national fête, a special entertainment, commencing at 9 p.m., will be given at the Alhambra Theatre, and the proceeds will again be devoted to the aid of the victims of the earthquake. The first part of the programme will consist of short plays, the second part of a firework display, and the third part of a vocal and instrumental concert.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.—The members of the British Association, which has been holding its annual meeting this year in South Africa, will probably pay a short visit to Cairo on their way home. The party went out by the West Coast, and will return by the East Coast in the S.S. Durham Castle, which was specially chartered by the Association. The vessel is due to arrive at Suez on or about the 5th proximo, and Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son are awaiting a cablegram from Aden as to the number who will leave the steamer at Suez and, after visiting Cairo, rejoin her at Port Said.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN CALABRIA.—The organising committee for the relief fund for the victims of the Calabrian earthquake asks us to state that a Charity sale and fête champêtre will take place on Sunday, 1st October, at the Theatre des Ambassadeurs at Ghezireh, commencing at 3.30 p.m. We express our hope that the British community of the capital will generously respond to the efforts being made to send succour to the thousands of homeless and starving people in Southern Italy. The committee will strive to make the entertainment as attractive as possible and in a few days we shall give a list of the amusements that will be provided for the occasion.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

H.H. Prince Mohamed Ali will leave Constantinople by the Khedivial S.S. Ismailia, which is due here on Tuesday next.

Sir Vincent Corbett will arrive in Cairo on the 9th October.

El Lewa E. E. Bernard Pasha, financial Secretary, Sudan Government, is expected to return to Cairo very shortly.

The Duke and Duchess d'Airola, who have arrived in London from Naples, are staying at the Hotel Cecil, where his Excellency Mohsen Pasha, from Cairo, is also in residence.

Abdullah Bey Sfar is expected to return from leave towards the end of this month.

Captain M. J. Hamilton, Lancashire Fusiliers, who has arrived in Egypt from England, has been taken on the strength of the Egyptian Army with the rank of Bimbashi, and is posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Captain P.F.R. Anley, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, who has arrived in Egypt from Singapore, has been taken on the strength of the Egyptian Army with the rank of Bimbashi, and is posted to the 10th Sudanese.

Lieutenant Huntly Walsh, Royal Navy, who has arrived in Egypt, has been taken on the strength of the Egyptian Army with the rank of Bimbashi, and has been posted to the Sudan Government.

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AUGUST CUSTOMS RETURNS.

INCREASED EXPORTS.

As was the case last month the Customs report is again out early, and those who predicted that the administration would be unable to "keep it up" will be pleasantly disappointed. The imports for the past month totalled L.E. 1,803,691 against L.E. 1,626,093 in August 1904, showing a decided increase. The imports for the period commencing on January 1 and ending on August 31, amounted to L.E. 12,740,913 against L.E. 11,831,292 in the corresponding period of the past year, an increase of L.E. 909,621 in favor of 1905.

The exports, which had showed an advance for the month of July over the figures of July 1904, maintained and increased their lead over August's figures in 1904. In that month the total exports amounted to L.E. 800,024. In August 1905, goods amounting to L.E. 1,165,510 left the country, a balance of L.E. 365,486. The export figures for the first eight months of the year still show a certain falling off, the total value of goods exported being L.E. 11,949,371 against L.E. 12,687,678 in the corresponding period in 1904 but another two or three returns like those of August and July, and Egypt's exports will show an increase on the whole year.

In August, imports from Great Britain and the British Mediterranean possessions amounted to L.E. 602,042, against L.E. 511,691 in August 1904, while for the two-thirds of the year they amounted to L.E. 4,362,501 against L.E. 4,037,535 during the corresponding period of the past year. French, Russian and Turkish imports show a similar increase for the eight months, but Russian imports fell off last month totalling only L.E. 43,541 against L.E. 64,795 in August last year. In the export table for the month Great Britain shows an increase of over 30%. France, Germany, and the U.S.A. have also been good customers.

In the period comprised between New Year's day 1905 and August 31, the only notable increase of Egyptian exports to any one country is to be found in the case of Turkey and the U.S.A. Great Britain (L.E. 5,806,705 against L.E. 6,214,459 in 1904) Russia L.E. 673,615 against L.E. 948,558, and above all Italy with only L.E. 326,375 against L.E. 703,308 are all notable examples of the decrease in value during this period of Egyptian exports.

REMARKABLE SWIMMING FEAT.

Mr. George W. Poss, an American by birth, resident in Cairo, and chief engineer of the Egyptian Cotton Mills in Cairo, having heard many people say that to cross the Nile near the bridges was very dangerous and almost impossible, thought he would try the experiment himself, and succeeded with comparative ease. A day or so after, he swam from the new bridge at Old Cairo to Basus, which is a small town eleven and a quarter miles distant from Cairo. This feat was accomplished in two hours.

Accompanying him to prevent any mishap, and to carry Mr. Poss's clothes, was an employe of the cotton mills named Joseph de Santis.

At Old Cairo they had some difficulty in getting a boat, the Arabs refusing when they learned of his intention of swimming down the river; but crossing the river by the ferry they managed to obtain a boat. Reaching the centre of the river Mr. Poss addressed, and greatly to the astonishment of the Arabs plunged into the water.

A strong wind was blowing at the time up the river, and the boat was unable to keep pace with the swimmer; yet they managed to keep Mr. Poss in view when he passed under the new bridge at Old Cairo, and as far as the bridge at Kaer-el-Nil, after which they lost sight of him entirely. At this point J. De Santis left the boat and taking Mr. Poss's clothes went on to Rod el Farag thinking he would find him there, and it was not without some misgivings that he failed to do so, for no one had seen a man swim past that place.

At this point J. De Santis gave up the search and Mr. Poss was left to do his best in a bathing suit. At Basus Mr. Poss went ashore, being afraid of taking cramp with no boat near to render help; and Amin Effendi, Omdah of Basus, kindly lent him some clothes and sent some of his men with a boat to take him back to Cairo. If the conditions are favorable, so that a boat can keep pace with him, Mr. Poss hopes very soon to attempt to swim from Cairo to the Barrage.

ESBEKIEH GARDENS.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel C. J. Markham and Officers the Band of the 1st Bn. King's Royal Rifles will perform the following programme of music at the Esbekieh Gardens to-morrow, Tuesday evening, commencing at 9 o'clock.

- 1. March—Pomp and Circumstance No. 1—Wigar.
2. Overture—Post and Fessant—Suppe.
3. Selection—Flourda—Stuart.
4. Japanese Dance—Clayton.
5. Military Tattoo—La Reine et le Ministre—Wely.
6. Selection—The Mikado—Sullivan.
7. Gavotte—Fusion Flowers—Finelli.
8. Valse—Lustige Bruder (By Special request)—Vollstedt.
9. Regimental March—Khedivial Anthem.
God Save the King.
THOMAS BROWN, Bandmaster.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The S.S. Egyptian of the Westcott and Laurance Line left Malta yesterday and is due at Alexandria on Friday with general cargo from Antwerp and London.

THE SUCRERIES.

CONCORDAT PREVENTIF GRANTED

(By telephone).

This morning the Commercial Chamber of the Cairo Mixed Court of First Instance decided to grant the Sucreries Company benefit of the Concordat Preventif. The chief feature of the audience was the extremely clear and able speech on behalf of the application of this measure which was delivered by Maitre Carton de Wiart and lasted half an hour. At the conclusion of the speech Judge Tuck, who presided over the audience, asked if there was any opposition. None was made and the Court adjourned at 11 a.m. to deliberate on this and several other cases. At 12.45 p.m. Judge Tuck announced that the Concordat Preventif had been granted and ordered the company to send their books into court within eight days. No mention was made whether the names of the three liquidators submitted to the court, viz. Sir Elwin Palmer, Harari Pasha and M. Dubourg, had been accepted or not. Full particulars will be given to-morrow.

The decision of the court is fortunate from every point of view. It is the only possible means of preventing a terrible crash which would not only cause heavy losses to many of the company's creditors and to the shareholders, but would ruin the native cultivators of cane. This provisional judgment will not prevent the Parquet from having the compulsory winding up declared later so as to take criminal proceedings against any director or official found at fault, should events demand this course.

We publish on page 4 the balance sheet of the Sucreries Company as filed before the Mixed Tribunal on Saturday. We understand that certain errors were to be found in the balance sheet as published by one of our Cairo contemporaries, which, while not invalidating the general result, might cause a certain confusion in the mind of the reader.

THE CHOLERA SCARE.

The recent outbreak of cholera in Russia and Germany has caused quite a scare throughout Europe, and it behooves the Sanitary Department to take prompt measures to prevent the dread malady appearing in Egypt with the return of the pilgrims from the Holy Places of Islam next season. There is no denying the fact that the chief homes of cholera are firstly British India, where the disease is endemic, and secondly the Hedjaz, where, however, it assumes an epidemic form. Of recent years Egypt has been visited by cholera on three different occasions. The first visitation was in 1833, when, according to the official returns, it claimed over 28,000 victims. The second outbreak was in 1895, when there were 18,133 deaths from the disease, and the third was three years ago, when the number of deaths recorded was close on 34,000. These figures are those furnished by the Sanitary Department, but doubtless they are rather under than over the mortality in each case. It is worthy of note that the disease in this country has invariably broken out in the hot months, and disappeared with the advent of cold weather, so that it is reasonable to assume that we shall be spared any visitation this year. The matter came last week before the Quarantine Board of Alexandria, which decided that no measures were at present necessary against arrivals from the northern ports of Europe.

This last invasion of Western Europe seems to have come from India, sweeping slowly and almost unobserved, over East Europe, then through Galicia, Poland and East Prussia until it reached Dantzic, and lastly Hamburg. Any introduction into Egypt through Europe seems somewhat remote, and there is no record that at any of the previous visitations it came from that quarter. On the contrary, each time it appeared in this country it was conclusively proved that it reached us from the Red Sea ports, and it is in that direction that the sanitary authorities should turn their attention. The Quarantine Board should see that the utmost vigilance is exercised at Tor and Suez on the return of Egyptian pilgrims after the next cold weather, and it is to this board that the country looks for protection against another invasion of cholera. In our opinion there does not seem at present the slightest cause for any alarm.

THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

The Tanzim service, having decided to macadamise the roads over which are to be laid the new lines and extensions of the Cairo Tramway Company, has requested the Prisons Department to double its usual supply of macadam. Consequent on this demand the number of prisoners occupied in this work at the prison of Abou Zabel has been considerably increased.

Two years ago the Ministry of the Interior promulgated an arrêté conferring on the Prisons service the right of pardoning such prisoners as had served three quarters of their term and whose conduct had been exemplary during their detention, exception being, however, made in the case of those who had been found guilty of poisoning animals and burning quips. The Prisons Department having recently asked the above Ministry whether the act of pardon was to be also extended to those of the prisoners who are detained on charges of incendiarism of houses and shoumas, has received a reply in the negative.

NOTES FROM PORT SAID.

FIRST OUTWARD TROOPSHIP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Port Said, Monday. H. M. transport Assays (Commander F. H. Seymour), the first outward troopship of the season, arrived at Port Said on Sunday morning from Southampton and left in the afternoon bound for Bombay. She has on board the 17th Lancers (Colonel Portal) composed of 21 officers and 560 men; also drafts of the 9th and 12th Lancers, 10th and 15th Hussars, 1st Dragoons, 6th Dragoon Guards, and details, making a total of 1,303 of all ranks. The officer commanding the troops is Lt. Col. J. H. de B. Travers, 1st Batt., S. Wales Borderers.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Claudius, the postmaster of this town, is returning to Port Said at the end of the month to resume his official duties. Mr. Harrington, who has been officiating in his absence, is to return to Suez on Mr. Claudius' arrival.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Le paquebot Tebe, de la Cie Florio Rabatino arrivé hier de Gênes et Messine avait à bord:

Mme Parvis Ferrero et sa fille, M. et Mme L. P. Peney, M. Lias, insp. Swanson, Bakry Bey, C. Massiala, M. et Mme H. R. Scott, M. et Mme Mosconas, G. Bid, G. Famagalli, L. Antoury, A. G. Tome, 4 cours, P. Operti, M. R. Collingford, cours Landi, H. Waker, Bianca Brandani, Rev. Père Taccetti, V. Fiaski, M. C. Drosso Bey et famille, G. Savidì, Mlle Lassalle, Mme Pace, M. V. Sabatelli et famille, M. et Mme Maggio, Olivia Jelo, Ester Jelo, A. Morpurgo, Mme Celona et sa fille et 93 passagers de 3me class.

SPORT AND PLAY.

KHEDIVIAL YACHT CLUB.

REGATTA.

The handicap for to-morrow's race is the same as last week. Class I. Course A. Class II. Course M.

BRITISH RIFLE CLUB.

SERGEANTS 2ND ROYAL BERKS. REGT.

v. B. R. C. (ALEXANDRIA).

This match was shot off last Saturday under somewhat unfavorable conditions, the wind being very strong and tricky at times and the dust being blown into the competitors' faces; scoring, consequently, was irregular.

SCORES: SERGEANTS 2ND ROYAL BERKS.

Table with 4 columns: Name, 200 yds, 500 yds, 600 yds, Total. Sgt. Wiggins: 32, 34, 31, 97. Col. Sgt. Goody: 32, 32, 23, 87. Sgt. Thame: 28, 30, 27, 85. Col. Sgt. Holley: 25, 27, 26, 78. Sgt. Harper: 27, 25, 20, 72.

MR. WADDINGTON

Table with 4 columns: Name, 200 yds, 500 yds, 600 yds, Total. Mr. Waddington: 32, 29, 24, 85. Lucas: 28, 30, 25, 83. Dickson: 30, 31, 19, 80. Carlisle: 34, 27, 19, 80. Brookfield: 26, 25, 27, 78. Schillizi: 28, 20, 24, 72. Lovell: 22, 24, 19, 65. Rickards: 26, 18, 18, 62.

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The range will be open for practice on Saturday next, 23rd inst. from 3 p.m.

ALEXANDRIA SPORTING CLUB.

The following is the programme of music to be played at the Race Meeting on Thursday.

- 1. March—Fighting thro' to Victory—Fischer.
2. Overture—Occasional—Miller.
3. Valse—The Grenadiers—Waldteufel.
4. Fœna—La benediction des Polignards—Morbecq.
5. Gavotte—Denziens—Albarcel.
6. Air and Ballet—Séville—Sullivan.
7. Morceaux Mignon—Palm d'Amour—Elgar.
8. Selection—La Poupée—Andrœ.
9. Danse—Nocturne—Mascagni.
10. Galop—Post Horn—Koenig.
Khedivial Anthem—God Save the King.
S. Doan, Bandmaster.
1. Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Anglo-American Nile Steamers

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Entendre en conséquence dire et déclarer que le Crédit Foncier Egyptien, la Daira Sanieh Company Limited et la Daira de S.A. le Khédive devront chacun pour ce qui le concerne débattre avec les requérants héritiers de S.A. Ismail Pacha tous comptes afférents à la liquidation des biens de la Daira Sanieh et leur remettre tout surplus dont ils pourraient résulter débiteurs après remboursement de tout le passif de la liquidation sur les bases ci-haut indiquées.

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Il résulte de ce document que, non seulement L.L. A.A. les Princes et Princesses ne contestent en aucune façon la convention du 21 Juin 1898, consentie par le Gouvernement Egyptien et les effets de cette convention, mais qu'ils en reconnaissent la légalité puisqu'ils se bornent en leur assignation à requérir l'attribution de "tout le surplus du prix de" vente des biens Daira après remboursement "de la dette générale de la Daira Sanieh et" après remboursement de toutes sommes pouvant être dues au Gouvernement Egyptien "et après défalcation de toutes sommes revenant à la Daira Sanieh Company Limited par suite d'engagement pris à son profit en vue" de la liquidation des dits biens et enfin après "remboursement de tous frais de toute nature" inhérents à la gestion des dits biens par la "Daira Sanieh de S.A. le Khédive".

Des lors rien de ce qui revient à la Daira Sanieh Coy. Ltd. ou à ses actionnaires n'est réclamé et par suite aucun des actionnaires ne courent aucun risque, n'auront à subir aucun retard pour la liquidation de leurs intérêts du chef de cette réclamation judiciaire, qui ne porte exclusivement que sur la part revenant au Gouvernement Egyptien.

Pour achever d'éclaircir la situation qu'a envisagée notre numéro du 28 août dernier, il n'est pas hors de propos de rappeler qu'un arrangement est intervenu les 28 et 25 janvier 1898 entre les membres de la famille Khédiviale qui se portent aujourd'hui demandeurs et le Gouvernement Egyptien.

Le décret Khédivial du 30 avril 1888, a approuvé cet arrangement dont l'art 10 est ainsi conçu:

Moyennant le présent échange, leurs Altesses déclarent formellement se désister des actions par eux introduites contre le Gouvernement, renoncer à toutes réclamations quelconques, déclarer en outre, en un mot que le Gouvernement est entièrement et définitivement libéré vis-à-vis d'eux à ce jour, sans qu'il puisse y avoir réclamation à soulever pour quelque cause et sous quelque prétexte que ce soit, les présentes constituant un règlement de comptes définitif.

Nous ne voulons pas commenter. Enfin l'on rapporte que parmi les premières acheteurs de la Daira Sanieh Oy. Ltd. figure S.A. le Prince Ibrahim Helmy agissant pour sa mère S.A. la Princesse Veuve du Khédive Ismail.

On pourrait donc acheter la chose dont on serait prétendument propriétaire!!!

THEATRE ALHAMBRA.

La représentation donnée hier soir à l'Alhambra a profité des victimes des tremblements de terre de la Calabre et obtenu un grand succès. Le Baron E. Acton, consul d'Italie, y assistait entouré de tout le personnel de son consulat; et la salle était comble.

La pièce choisie était "Come la foglie". M. Maggi, l'excellent artiste que nous avons vu l'occasion d'applaudir tant de fois à été remarquable dans le rôle de Massimo Bosani, ainsi que Mme Dalla Guardia dans celui de Nensile où elle a fait preuve de beaucoup d'esprit et d'un grand talent. Les autres personnages ont été également fort bien.

En somme la représentation a été tout à fait réussie soit comme exécution soit, ce qui est mieux encore, comme résultat pécuniaire. Les Amateurs ont montré dans cette occasion leur générosité traditionnelle en face des grandes infortunes.

La presse alexandrine se fait un devoir de remercier tous ceux qui ont bien voulu l'aider dans l'organisation de cette soirée de bienfaisance, notamment les imprimeries J. Della Rocca et Pannason (A. V. Horn, successeur) qui ont bien voulu fournir à titre gracieux tous les imprimés; les librairies L. Schuler, Pochioli & Maroniti, et M. Cafaro qui se sont chargés de la vente des billets, et la maison Léonard Camilleri & Co. qui s'est chargée de l'échange gratuit.

Madame Veuve Aziz G. Mahardi et ses enfants, les parents et alliés, la Maison Steinmann, Mahardi & Co., prient leurs amis et connaissances de bien vouloir assister aux obèques de leur regretté M. AZIZ GEORGE MAHARDI décédé à Mammouh (Sinaï) le 5 courant. Le convoi funèbre partira de l'Église Dohban, rue Dohban, le mercredi 20 courant, à 4 heures de l'après-midi.

LE BILAN DES SUCRERIES

LA SITUATION GENERALE AU 31 AOUT 1905

Table with columns: Usines, L.E. Mil., Capital, Actions, Obligations, Primes de remboursement, etc. Lists various sugar factories and their financial details.

MOUVEMENT MARITIME DU PORT D'ALEXANDRIE

Table of maritime movements including arrivals (Arrivages) and departures (Départs) with ship names, companies, and destinations.

POST OFFICE

Various out of date articles of furniture, safes, locks, etc. property of the General Post Office will be sold by auction at 10 a.m. on the 20th instant at the carpenter's shop in the Alexandria Post Office.

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES

Divers articles on fournitures de bureaux hors d'usage tels que coffre-fort, serrures, etc. appartenant à l'Administration des Postes, seront mis en vente au enchères le 30 Septembre courant à 10 h. a.m. à l'Atelier de Menuiserie à la Direction Locale des Postes à Alexandria.

BOURSE KHEDIVIALE

Table of Khedivial Bourse including contracts (Contrats), arrivals (Arrivages), and cotton prices (COTONS).

COTONS

Table of cotton prices from the Liverpool Cotton Association, listing various grades and their current market status.

ARRIVAGES de ce jour, à Minet-el-Bassal

Table of arrivals at Minet-el-Bassal, listing ship names and dates.

MARCHE DE MINET-EL-BASSAL

Table of market prices for various goods at Minet-el-Bassal, including cotton, sugar, and other commodities.

DOMAINES DE L'EAAT

Table of land domains (Domaines de l'Éaât) with details on land parcels and their locations.

SECTION DES GRAINES ET CEREALLES

Table of grain and cereal prices, listing different types of wheat and other grains.

ARRIVAGES

Table of arrivals (Arrivages) for various goods, including cotton and other commodities.

COTONS

Table of cotton prices and market information, including grades and current prices.

CONTRATS (11 h. 55 a.m.)

Table of contracts (Contrats) for various goods, including cotton and sugar.

Extérieur

Table of international market information (Extérieur), including prices for various commodities.

TELEGRAMM HAVAS

Table of Havas Telegramm market data, including exchange rates and commodity prices.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of London Stock Exchange prices for various securities and commodities.

ARRIVAGES

Table of arrivals (Arrivages) for various goods, including cotton and other commodities.

COTONS

Table of cotton prices and market information, including grades and current prices.

GENERAL MARKET

Table of general market prices for various commodities, including wheat, sugar, and other goods.

SHARE LIST

Table of share prices for various companies and financial institutions.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Table of daily exchange quotations for various currencies and commodities.

ASSOCIATION DES COURTIER EN MARCHANDISES

Text regarding the Association of Commodity Brokers and their activities.

DERNIERE HEURE

Table of the latest market news (Dernière Heure) and commodity prices.

BULLETIN DE LA BOURSE

Text describing the state of the stock market and commodity prices.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH CO. LTD.

Table of telegraph services and rates provided by Eastern Telegraph Co. Ltd.

NILE GAUGE READINGS.

Table of Nile gauge readings for various stations along the river, showing water levels and flow rates.

A VISIT TO KHARPOOTY.

(FROM OUR FORT SAID CORRESPONDENT).

In order to see how the new Meuzaleh canal is getting on, and what prospects there were of the steamer service commencing, I paid a visit to-day to the Island of Kharpooty and there spent an hour looking about me. At the Greek church I boarded a tram, which for the modest sum of two pence took me right to the works.

We wended a somewhat bumpy way past the gas works and the sailing craft loading and discharging coastwise cargoes, on round by the new road which is to lead direct to Raswah, and from there past the sterns of numerous colliers discharging their cargoes and emitting clouds of dust. An agreeable change occurred when our vehicle approached the Port Said end of the fresh water canal. Here the road took us through something over a third of a mile of palms and other vegetation; leaving the plantations, which continue along the bank of the Suez Canal some 20 miles, we suddenly turned and swung over the railway lines on to the causeway which connects the lake shore with Kharpooty. The causeway, constructed some years ago of the remains of small islands and dredgings, is winding and tortuous; twisting from side to side, and having an average width of ten yards with tram lines throughout its length, flanked with wooden groynes-like erections to prevent the sea encroachments, it, after passing through two toll gates, eventually lands one at the Island. From a distance the village, built on this narrow strip of land, seems to grow out of the water itself. The lake shows numerous sailing boats, dahabiehs and fishing vessels, many of which are laying at anchor close to the tram terminus, unloading into trolleys which carry their cargoes to the town of Port Said. Approaching the Island I saw to the left several vessels in course of construction, huge channel marks erected here and there, marking out, with the aid of small buoys, the limits of the 1m. 600m. channel, which is practically completed, in a direct line to Matarieh. A careful look round the ground, which is enclosed, and which holds the workshop, revealed two pretty little paddle-wheel tugs, a large two-deck passenger vessel, three lighters of great length and shallow draft, capable of carrying some 300 tons of cargo each, a number of smaller craft, and a large boat containing one of Gwynne's powerful centrifugal pumps, which I suppose was at work during the dredging.

I was told that all would be in regular working order and the service a fact, by the end of this year, when the vessels now at Matarieh would join forces with those I saw to-day, to enable a regular daily passenger and cargo service to be kept up. The vessels themselves look very well, and I promise myself an early trip across the lake, a trip which to-day, means a full day and more if wind is unfavorable.

From the sheds and workshops extends a line of dirty and very dilapidated Arab houses, all in a broken-down condition, and crowded with the members of the large families of the fishing-boat owners, and others. One large shed contained some thousands of freshly caught eels which had been landed an hour or so before, and in front of the large heaps were seated two men busily cleaning the fish previous to sending them to Port Said, where I believe the majority of the eels caught on the lake, are frozen and shipped to Europe.

I understand that there will be a service of trains running from Matarieh to Mansourah in connection with the lake service, and that, as the Matarieh canal is now quite completed, the dredgers which have cut it will, in a short time, commence operations on the Damietta branch. This, I understand, will prove easier, for there is supposed to be deeper water and a less number of shoals to negotiate along the west shore of the lake than between Matarieh and Kharpooty.

BRITISH COTTON GROWING.

REFUTING A LIBEL.

The British Cotton Growing Association denies emphatically a statement which has appeared in a number of home newspapers, alleging that the Association is only paying the natives at their model cotton-growing plantations in West Africa 6d. per week, and that a condition of semi-slavery prevails among their employes. The wages actually paid, the Association adds, are at the standard rate current in West Africa, viz. 6d. to 1s. per day, and the conditions which obtain are known to, and cordially approved of by, the local representatives of the British Government, and by the native chiefs. The Association further states that, so far as they have been able to trace them, the allegations in question seem to have emanated from Belgian or American sources.

We call the following from an American contemporary—"Egypt claims to have extinguished the cotton-worm. Now send over the boll weevil for those Egyptians to work on!"

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M. ROUVIER AND THE FRENCH

At the important stage which has now been reached in the negotiations between France and Germany on the subject of Morocco—with the spectre of war apparently laid—there is little doubt that the great majority of Frenchmen heartily endorse the cool-headed and practical statesmanship of M. Rouvier. German diplomatists had evidently counted upon an outburst of Chauvinistic feeling in France as an outcome of their provocative action in Morocco, but they failed to allow for the fundamental changes which have affected the spirit of the French nation since 1870.

For more than thirty years France has turned resolutely aside not only from all policy of adventure but from all adventures with a policy. The ignominious collapse of Bonapartism was followed by the gradual withering away to a state bordering upon nothingness of all the old parties of Royal or Imperial pretension. The cause of the Orleanists, which even in 1884 had some claims to popular recognition, makes to-day no wider or stronger appeal to sympathies of the French voter than it did ten years ago the now defunct Legitimist Party, or "Whites of Spain," and the political hopes of the Bonapartists are on the same level. An annual banquet at the Continental Hotel, that *unctio in extremis* of all the old lost causes of France, will soon be the sole visible demonstration of their flickering vitality. Even the German Emperor, who has evidently at times conceived the hope that his Imperial strenuousness would rouse an echo of sympathy and admiration in that corner of the French heart which is still warm with the memory of Napoleon, must be convinced by now how vain was that dream, how deaf is the French ear to all the blandishments of latter-day Imperialism.

France is to-day firmly Republican, and Republican in an intensely democratic sense. She undoubtedly needs and desires peace, and will continue to maintain it to the best of her ability. This, indeed, has been her policy ever since the present Republic was founded. Her military system, which is far more comprehensive than it was at the time of the last war, brings home to every family, irrespective of class, the terrible responsibilities which war entails and the danger of playing with fire. She knows, moreover, that a war, even if it were victorious, would mean the temporary suspension of many of her democratic liberties, while should it be disastrous the political door would be opened wide to all those importunate pretenders and sinister adventurers whom she has hitherto so successfully locked out.

To-day the country is master of its own destinies, and fully conscious of the fact. No dynastic interests, as in 1870, can plunge the nation into war against its will or the promptings of its better sense. There is no Empress to proclaim "C'est ma guerre!" And with the disappearance of the old Monarchical régimes the methods and spirit of French diplomacy have been greatly transformed. The Morny and the Gramonts have been replaced by the Delcassés and the Rouviers, representatives of a *bourgeoisie*—brilliant, intellectual, and highly cultivated, but born and bred in the traditions of the French peasantry, itself an agricultural bourgeoisie, and with none of the special failings or fascinations of the old French aristocracy. German diplomacy, on the other hand, unsoiled by plebeian contact, remains, in its undeniable efficiency, the aristocratic and strictly conventional instrument that it always was, allowance being made for occasional eccentricities due to the Emperor's personal inspiration. It is a diplomacy with an acute sense of *amour propre*; the word "prestige" is for ever on its lips. And being more of a Court functionary than a public servant, it is capable of exaggerating the importance of an Imperial whim to the detriment of the national interests.

To dynastic extravagances on the part of her rulers, France, with her well-established democratic institutions, is in nowise exposed any longer; she has no high-flown Quixotic ideals to live up to, no feudal traditions to maintain. Her President, a simple peasant's son, on State occasions wears a silk hat, but never, under any circumstances, the panoply of war. And in her dealings with other nations, in her diplomacy, France of the Third Republic has displayed in a marked degree the same broad spirit of democracy from which all element of fantastic *amour propre* has been absent, which a rational sense of self-interest has alone ruled. Thus she was able to recognise with M. Delcassé, the value of a cordial understanding with England, her best commercial customer. And in the various arrangements she has made with other European Powers, it is her simple everyday welfare which she has been pursuing, undeterred by the promptings of those who, from interested motives, would have liked to fan her old quarrels into a flame. To the France of to-day what is the cost of a small sacrifice of *amour propre*? It means as much and as little as it would to the average French peasant obsequing a pig in the market.

But though the spirit of the French peasant be devoid of false pride and petty vanity, it is tenacious in the extreme. Economy, taciturn sobriety, untiring perseverance in the path of gain, a deep-rooted materialism, combined with an inborn and carefully nurtured cunning, are among its most marked features. Balzac, in "Les Paysans," and Zola, in "La Terre," have drawn somewhat overcharged portraits of the French peasant's acquisitiveness, but, without going to extremes, it is yet easy to recognise that the dogged determination and astuteness of the French peasant temperament enter as important elements into the plain democratic spirit by which the national councils of France are now guided. The prompt resignation of M. Delcassé showed more than anything else that the fortunes of France are no longer dependent on a single man or a single issue. "Your coin is bad!" shouts the angry bargainer, seeking a

quarrel. "Really!" says the imperturbable peasant, looking at the spurned coin with deferential curiosity. "Take this one!" And the good piece, wrongfully accused, after giving place to another neither better nor worse, is slipped back into the peasant's wallet, to join many others of the same currency, if not of equal value. For in its broad lines it is still the policy of M. Delcassé, hedged about by treaties and conventions of the best kind—for they are based upon practical interests—which is being followed by M. Rouvier. The personal relations between M. Rouvier and M. Delcassé are known to be excellent. But there was undoubtedly a sigh of relief throughout the country when M. Delcassé abandoned a situation which his mere presence made unnecessarily dangerous, and that M. Rouvier has earned the gratitude of the great majority of the French people, by his determination to maintain peace, even at an apparent sacrifice of *amour propre*, cannot be disputed. In a talk which I have had with M. Henri Prost, the great provincial banker, who is perhaps better situated than anyone to gauge the feeling of the French provincial populations, he expressed this view. "The peasantry," he said, "and the small provincial capitalists never lost their *sang-froid* in the presence of the German threats, but they could not admit that France should shed torrents of her blood and expend vast treasures for the sake of Morocco, and they are profoundly grateful to M. Rouvier for having avoided war. They consider that he acted with the energy and the prudence which the highest interests of the country demanded; his personal popularity has been greatly enhanced in consequence; and at the forthcoming elections the Republican Party will certainly sweep the board. Had war broken out it is probable that the Republic would have been shaken to its foundations, but as matters stand, Republicanism has been strengthened and consolidated all over the country."

TO THE ZAMBESI.

In so brief a period as fifteen years from the date when active occupation of the immense territory now known as Rhodesia began, that very peaceable scientific organisation, the British Association, makes a pleasure trip by rail to the rolling Zambesi, and Professor Darwin performs the ceremony of opening the recently constructed bridge over the Victoria Falls. Portuguese, Mashona, and Matabele antagonism to British colonisation have alike succumbed to the masterful genius of one great Englishman. It was Mr. Rhodes who, with clear prophetic vision, discerned the latent possibilities of the mighty province so rightly named after him. It was he, too, whose daring mind projected and carried forward the comprehensive railway system which has rendered it practicable for the British Association to participate in the opening of the gigantic bridge at Victoria Falls. But his enterprising spirit went far beyond even that in its lofty soaring. Already railroad is nearly 150 miles north of the great river, and before very long, connection will be formed with the Congo State on the one side and with Nyasaland on the other. All of the most serious difficulties now lie behind, and an immense stride has been made towards the complete realisation of that daring "dream"—the Cape to Cairo trunk line. Of a truth, as has been well said, the great work of great men usually lives after them. During his life Mr. Rhodes steadily persevered with the splendid work to which he had set his strong hand, and it is entirely due to his magnificent clearness of sight and tenacity of purpose that through tickets to the Zambesi from London can now be obtained. It is one of the grandest achievements ever accomplished by individual genius, and as the British savants viewed the wonders of the stupendous Fall, their thoughts must have dwelt on the heroic adventurer who now sleeps among the stern solitudes of the Matopo Hills.

INTERNATIONAL SOLAR RESEARCH.

A conference of the International Union for Co-operation in Solar Research will be held on September 27 at New College, Oxford, by invitation of the Warden and Fellows of the College. The following delegates of societies constituting the Union have signified their intention of being present:

From the United States, Professors Hale and Campbell; from France, Messrs. Jansen, Deslandres, Fabry, Perot, and the Comte de la Baume Pluvial; from Russia, M. Belopolski; from Germany, Professor H. Kaysar; from Holland, Professor H. H. Julius; from Sweden, Professor Knut Angström; from Switzerland, Professor A. Wolfer; from Austria, as representative of the International Association of Academies, Professor Edmund Weiss. Great Britain will be represented by Professors Turner, Schuster, and Fowler, Father Cortie, Mr. W. E. Wilson, Major Hills, Dr. W. J. S. Lockyer, and Dr. Halm.

The subjects of discussion will include the following: The fixing of standards of wave-length in spectroscopic research; co-operation in the measurement of the intensity of solar radiation; co-operation in recording solar phenomena by means of photographs of the disc, spectroheliograph records, and observations at the limb of the sun. The foreign savants will be lodged at and entertained by New College. On Friday, September 29, the President of the Astronomical Society and Mrs. Maw will give a reception at their residence in London, and for the following day invitations to visit the observatories at Cambridge have been received from Sir Robert Ball and Mr. Newall. Professor Schuster is acting as chairman of the executive committee which was appointed last year at the first conference of the Union held at St. Louis.

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"SOLOMON'S MINES."

If the conclusions as to the origin and history of the mysterious ruins in Rhodesia put before the British Association at Bulawayo by Mr. Randall MacIver are correct, they are not relics of ancient Ophir, and we must seek elsewhere for the region where King Solomon procured his stores of gold and precious stones. Mr. MacIver went to Rhodesia last April, under the auspices of the Association and the Rhodes trustees, and examined minutely the ruins of Inyanga, Niekark's farm (16 miles north of Inyanga), Khami, Dblo Dblo, Unatali, Insiza, and Zimbabwe. After careful investigation he has (says the "Times" correspondent) decided that none of the ruins in Southern Rhodesia are older than the fifteenth or sixteenth century, and that they are the handiwork of African natives of the negro or negroid race under the dynasty known by the collective name of Monomotapa. The bases of these conclusions were formed on the following data:—
 The buildings are essentially of a native kind or type common to-day; nearly all retain some original wooden stakes embedded in the walls; there is no trace of inscription on any of the ruins; stone and iron implements were found together; neither the buildings nor the other articles found show traces of early Oriental or European influence; finally, the discovery of pieces of blue and white Nankin china and other articles of medieval manufacture in the lowest parts of the foundations proves that such commodities were the object of barter before the buildings were erected.
 Mr. MacIver maintains that the ruins were originally fortified places, usually enclosing a kopje built in the form of a rough ellipse following mainly the contour of the surrounding country. The so-called slave pits, described as pit dwellings, were originally citadels of their strong places round which concentric circles of walls were built.

COMMON SENSE V. LAW.

The London City magistrates do an immense amount of good work without adequate recognition. Their experience of the world—that is, their experience of the average man—often enables them to compare favorably with his Majesty's judges, some of whom have devoted so much time to the study of the law that they have had none to spare for the inevitable ignorance, the trials and troubles, of their less cultivated brethren. Few judges can understand how any man can be ignorant of the law. One City magistrate, Sir Joseph Ronald, confessed the other day that, though everybody was supposed to know the law, he did not, nor did he know anybody who does; and from that point of view he declined to convict a respectable man who had been hauled before him for unwittingly transgressing the regulations of a railway company by using an expired return ticket. At the same sitting his knowledge of social conditions drove Sir Joseph to sympathise with a convicted thief who had been driven into crime a second time by the impossibility of keeping a situation. "I am sorry to say," said the magistrate, "that I know what you tell me is true. Many men who are unfortunately in your position, when they do get a situation and it is found they have been convicted, invariably have to leave. It is very hard, but it is a very censorious world, and seems never to overlook a fault." The man had to go to prison but a little sympathy of this magisterial kind will probably do him more good than the punishment.

SHARK-ANGLING.

Although the British sea-angler has no opportunity of making personal acquaintance with that monstrous fish, the tarpon, there are parts of the coast where the shark makes a fairly satisfactory substitute. As in the other case, strong tackle has to be used, and plenty of line to play the fierce fighter when hooked. A Lancashire angler, who lately secured about a dozen of the Yorkshire littoral, prescribes 200 yards of tanned hemp line, and a stout eleven-foot rod, as suitable gear; with this apparatus and half of a mackerel as bait on each hook, the sea-fisher can make sure of lively sport. Sometimes, the so-called shark it is really a large species of dog-fish—runs to 150lbs., but these are the giants of the family, the average weight being very much less. But whether big or little, the voracious "tigers of the sea" play sad havoc with its finny population, and on that account alone the sport deserves encouragement. To fill up time when bites are few and far between, the angler can amuse himself with trying for whitling or any other fish that happens to be in evidence, using a lighter rod and tackle. Every "soh-ol" is sure to have some sharks in attendance, and it will not be long before the whirling reel on the heavier rod gives notice that a "toper"—the local pseudonym of the big dog-fish—is hooked. It makes off at express speed, sometimes running out 150 yards of line, and even when exhausted by its strenuous efforts to escape, the gallant "tiger" fights hard to the very last.

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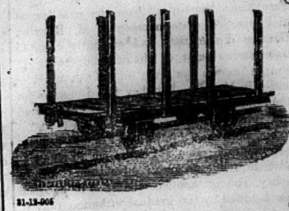
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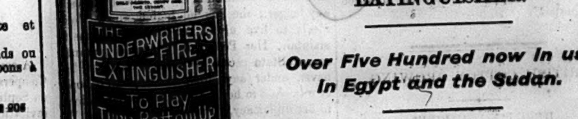
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